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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Media Consolidation

Dear Commission Members:

I am hearing in the media that the Commission is considering once again a plan which would allow large media conglomerates to purchase and control more media outlets in communities nationwide.

I am strongly opposed to any such action and would ask that you defeat such a proposal. I wrote my congressional representatives in September 2003 and asked that they support legislation which would roll back your media consolidation rules at that time. I am surprised that another effort to allow consolidation is back on the table.

America needs more local ownership of the media and less national. Our democracy is dependent on the flow of information to the American people from a variety of sources. The consolidation of information delivery sources in the hands of a few large corporations is dangerous to our democracy.

While I do not view Telemundo broadcasts, I noticed in the paper 4 days ago an article that is very telling on this subject of consolidation. NBC Universal purchased Telemundo for \$1.98 billion in October 2001. NBC has just decided and announced that it will regionalize the local newscasts at 6 of its Spanish-language outlets. In Denver, it will eliminate KDEN-Channel 25's cut-ins to Telemundo's national news by year-end. The article went on to say that NBC would save some \$750 million by regionalizing the news. That action would also cause lay-offs. This is not good for the local communities.

I am asking both you and my congressional representatives to not allow the adoption of any rules permitting further media consolidation. Rather, you should be encouraging local ownership and local news on the radio and television and in newspapers.

Sincerely,

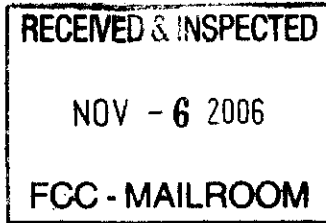
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Cc: Senator Wayne Allard; Senator Ken Salazar; Representative Diana DeGette

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Dear Federal Communications Commission,

I am writing to express my **STRONG** disapproval of any relaxation or elimination of the public interest limits on media ownership. Localism & diversity are the cornerstones of a democratic media system, and we cannot afford to compromise them in any way.

Limits on media consolidation have been a bulwark against the concentration of economic power in the marketplace of ideas - a critical part of balancing the public service mission of the media with their private profit motive. Our democracy requires the free flow of information from a broad range of diverse voices.

Any public policy seeking to protect diversity in the media **MUST** recognize the simple fact that ownership matters. Media consolidation has already led to declines in local & minority ownership as well as the homogenization of content in radio & television. Permitting cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations, or allowing further concentration in local television markets, will only worsen the problems we

already have.

When the FCC attempted to weaken & remove media ownership limits in 2003, millions of Americans rose up in protest. Congress & the Courts ultimately intervened to turn back that misguided regulatory process.

Now that these ^{same} rules are being reconsidered, the FCC should stand firm with the public against further concentration of media ownership in the hands of the few. A vote against media consolidation is a vote for democracy.

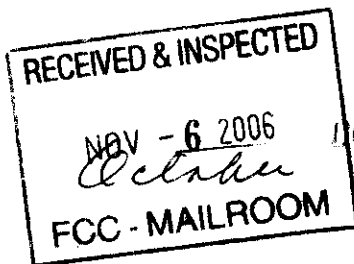
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I am writing to express my strong disapproval of former FCC Chair. Michael Powell's efforts to bury studies that found media consolidation to be harmful to local news reporting. No decision should be made on ownership until a full & independent investigation of this cover-up is completed.

The FCC can't simply hide data from the public and push through new rules that unleash further consolidation of local news outlets. Localism & diversity are the cornerstones of a democratic media system; we cannot afford to compromise them in any way.

The FCC should allow no relaxation or elimination of the public interest limits on media ownership without first weighing all of the evidence and hearing out widespread public concern about the problem of consolidation.

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